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AMEMBASSY LUSAKA
AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

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TAGS: OREP (CLARK, DICK; BIDEN, JOSEPH)

SUBJECT: CODEL CLARK

REF: LUSAKA 1497

SENATOR CLARK REQUESTS FOLLOWING MESSAGE BE PASSED TO
ADDRESSEES:

QTE 1. FOR LUSAKA: REQUEST EMBASSY'S VIEWS ON HOW OPENING
OF RHODESIA TALKS WILL AFFECT CODEL'S PLANS AND PROSPECTS
FOR MEETING WITH KAUNDA AND RHODESIA ANC LEADERS. CODEL
PREPARED GO TO VICTORIA FALLS BUT DOES NOT WISH INTERFERE
WITH OR COMPLICATE TALKS. CODEL FULLY APPRECIATES DELICACY
OF SITUATION BUT STILL DEFINITELY WISHES TO MEET WITH AS
MANY OF PRINCIPAL ACTORS AS POSSIBLE. CODEL WOULD LIKE
SOME SPECIFIC INFORMATION RE AVAILABILITY ANC LEADERS
BEFORE COB AUGUST 15.

QTE 2. RE PARA 4 REF TEL, LIST OF MISSIONARY FOUNDATIONS
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NOT NECESSARY.

QTE 3. RE PARA 7:

(A) SENATOR CLARK WILL DO AS MANY OF APPOINTMENTS AS POSSIBLE PERSONALLY, CERTAINLY ANY KEY ZAMBIAN GOVERNMENT, RHODESIAN ANC OR SWAPO LEADERS.

(B) DEPARTMENT HAS EMPHASIZED TO CODEL AMBASSADOR'S CONCERNS AS EXPRESSED PARA 7 REFTEL RE MODALITIES SENATOR CLARK'S MEETING WITH ZAMBIAN OFFICIALS PARTICULARLY PRESIDENT KAUNDA. CODEL BELIEVES, AND REGRETS, THAT HIS DESIRE FOR PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS IS BEING MISINTERPRETED. CODEL STATES THAT IF, FOR APPEARANCE SAKE, EMBASSY DEEMS IT NECESSARY TO ARRANGE PROTOCOL MEETING AT WHICH PRESIDENT KAUNDA, AMBASSADOR, AND SENATOR CLARK ALL PRESENT, HE HAS NO OBJECTION PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT SUBSEQUENT PRIVATE CONVERSATION IS ASSURED. IN CODEL OPINION, HOWEVER, SUCH AN ELABORATE ARRANGEMENT WOULD BE AN IMPOSITION OF PRESIDENT NYERERE AT A TIME WHEN HE IS UNUSUALLY BUSY.

QTE 4. RE PARA 8 REFTEL: WHAT WORD DOES EMBASSY HAVE FROM UNITA CONTACTS ON POSSIBLE CODEL MEETING WITH SAVIMBI? PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST.

QTE 5. RE PARA 9 REFTEL: HOLD OFF ON SWAPO SCHOOL. IF IT CAN BE FITTED IN AFTER EVERYTHING ELSE, FINE; OTHERWISE IT IS LOW PRIORITY.

QTE 6. RE PARA 10 REFTEL: THANKS BUT NO MESDAMES PROGRAM OR SEPARATE TRIP TO VICTORIA FALLS.

QTE 7. RE PARA 11: AGREEABLE IN PRINCIPLE TO MEETINGS WITH PRESS ON ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE. WISH TO RESERVE POSITION FOR TIME BEING ON TV INTERVIEW PROGRAM. IT STRIKES CODEL THAT OPENING OF NEGOTIATIONS CREATES UNUSUALLY DELICATE SITUATION. CODEL WOULD APPRECIATE AMBASSADOR'S RECOMMENDATION ON THIS POINT. IN ANY EVENT, CODEL WOULD NOT WISH TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SCHEDULE APPEARANCE WITHOUT PRESIDENT KAUNDA'S SPECIFIC ENDORSEMENT OF IDEA. SENATOR IS NOT LOOKING FOR OPPORTUNITY TO DO TV INTERVIEW. IF THERE WERE ANY POSITIVE VALUE FROM KAUNDA'S POINT OF VIEW, OR IF IT CUSTOMARY THING FOR FOREIGN VISITORS TO DO AND KAUNDA HAS NO OBJECTION, CODEL WOULD GO ON PROGRAM.

QTE 8. FOR PRETORIA: CODEL REQUESTS YOUR VIEWS ON HOW

ANNOUNCED TALKS AT VICTORIA FALLS WILL AFFECT POSSIBILI-
TY OF APPOINTMENTS WITH SOUTH AFRICAN OFFICIALS WHO MIGHT
BE INVOLVED IN TALKS. END QTE. KISSINGER

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